

Commercial.

TO-DAY.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Share business has been rather brisker to-day, although nothing of any special interest has been reported. Banks are decidedly firmer; transactions have been arranged at 152 per cent. premium for the end of the month and at 153 and 154 for April, and there now cash buyers at 152. Hongkong. Tides are a shade weaker than when we last wrote, with sellers at 3323. Docks have been done at 33 per cent. premium for delivery on the 31st inst., and additional shares are offered on similar terms. Inquiries have been made after China Sugars at 153, but no actual business has come under our observation. Luzons are in slightly better odour, some shares being wanted at 42. In other stocks, we have nothing note worthy to report.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

China and Shanghai Bank—152 per cent. premium, buyers.

China Insurance Society of Canton—\$87 per share, sellers.

China General Insurance Company—\$68 per share, buyers.

China Insurance—Tls. 265 per share, buyers.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$75 per share, buyers.

China Insurance Association—Tls. 108 per share, sellers.

China Insurance Company—\$105 per share, sellers.

China Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$324 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$73 per share, sellers.

China and Whampoa Dock Company, 33 per cent. premium, sellers.

China, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$25 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—56 per share.

Changtung Gas Company—\$10 per share, buyers.

Changtung Hotel Company—\$105 per share, sellers.

China Steamship Company—\$50 per share, sellers.

China Banking Company, Limited—\$153 per share, buyers.

China Banking Company, Limited—\$241 per share, buyers.

China Banking Company—\$54 per share, buyers.

China and China Banking Company, Limited—\$92 per share.

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month; it was, on a Wednesday; there were plenty of people in the room, but I don't know how many. There were two of us in the window; I don't know how many more as I did not count them. There are not any more rooms to the left; I suppose she waved to us about 50 or 60 yards away. I did not talk this matter over to anybody except to the solicitor for the defence. I swear I did not speak to anybody about it, except to Mr. Webber. I mean I did not tell anybody what I was going to say when I got here.

Private Marsh—I am a private in the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment. I occupy No. 7 room in Murray barracks; the window looks into the back of the barracks. I have seen the prosecutrix in the road leading from the Church to Head-quarter House. She had a white apron on once, and afterwards a black dress. I have noticed her by the manner in which she has gone on; by waving her handkerchief to the men standing on the verandah. I have seen her waving her hand to us, and have seen her on two occasions kiss her hand, walking very slowly. I remember the 5th of this month, I went out at 1:30 towards the Race-course. About five of us went to Happy Valley, and we all came back together; prosecutrix was with us. I saw that lady (prosecutrix) pass; she was looking round and was walking rather slow; she must have passed the prisoner about four feet away; it was about half past three. I went on in front of prisoner and met another man. I have seen her walk all round the barracks. I did not see her do anything but turn round.

By Mr. Wotton:—I can swear the time was right, and that the clock was going. I saw the pendulum was going; it was not a very common clock.

—Prosecutrix had a large dog with her.

The first time I ever saw her was about 9 in the morning; then I saw her about 5 in the evening.

I saw her pass on another occasion about 11:30 a.m.; the dog was with her. The prisoner was not drunk although he had had a drink;

he was a little the worse for liquor.

Coming back from Happy Valley, he began to show some signs of being drunk. We bought a bottle of rum in Happy Valley and five of us drank it. I lost my good conduct badge by doing this kind of thing last September. I lost the badge through drink. We all had drink before going to Happy Valley. I was not so drunk as the others. The sentry at the barracks did not report us. My character is good, except for two cases of drunkenness.

By his Worship—Prosecutrix when she passed was going towards Happy Valley.

Privates Tolliday, F. Jones, and J. Chamberlain were also called and examined by Mr. Webber. Their evidence was to the effect that on the day the alleged offence was committed, five soldiers, including defendant, went down to the Race-course, where they drank a bottle of rum; defendant was the worse for drink; some of the soldiers saw the complainant, and had seen her previously at the barracks, kissing her hand to the soldiers.

His Worship asked Mr. Webber if he proposed calling any more witnesses, and was answered in the negative. Mr. Wotton was anxious that the case should proceed, but the Magistrate adjourned the further hearing until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the fifth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the office of the general managers on Friday, the 23rd inst.—

We have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts made up to 31st December, 1887, and shewing a balance at credit of profit and loss of \$21,016.8. It is proposed to deal with this amount as follows, viz:

To place to reserve fund \$10,000.00
To write off buoys and moorings 500.00
To pay a dividend of 6 per cent 10,500.00

\$21,000.00
leaving a balance of \$18,58 to be carried forward to new account.

The steamship *Esmeralda*, with the approval of the consulting committee, was sold in August last.

In accordance with resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting held on 21st September, the capital of the company was reduced to \$175,000.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Messrs. F. D. Sassoon, C. P. Chater, and J. S. Moses having retired, it will be necessary to elect a fresh committee, and shareholders are invited to nominate gentlemen for this purpose.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. F. Henderson (acting for Mr. Thos. Arnold) and J. H. Cox. Messrs. Arnold and Cox are recommended for re-election.

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1888.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1887.

Value of Company's steamers, <i>Diamante</i> and <i>Zafiro</i> \$185,000.00 Value of buoys and moorings at Amoy and Hongkong 1,063.59 Value of coals and stores on board 57,147.41 Premium value of unexpired policies 35,173.11 Freight outstanding at Hongkong 3,305.93 Due from Manila agents 4,867.41 Sundry debtors 1,299.40	
	\$243,189.05

Capital 3,500 shares at \$50 per share \$175,000.00
Overdraft at bankers 15,751.62
Sundry creditors 17,001.23
Marine Insurance account 800.00
Due to general managers 12,717.68
Balance of profit and loss account 21,187.58

\$243,189.05

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 1887.

Balance from last account \$18,504.69
Amount written off as depreciation and loss 11,640.51

Amount of estimated loss on claim on estate of Pelee, Hubbell & Co. 1,420.55

Interest account 5,297.37

Charges, (including legal expenses) 1,005.78

Reduction of capital 250.00

Auditors' fees 235.00

Maintenance of buoys and moorings 3,500.00

Allowance to general managers for office expenses 3,500.00

Balance 21,018.58

\$207,707.79

Amount written off capital account as per resolution passed at extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held 21st September, 1887, and confirmed at meeting held 8th October, 1887. \$175,000.00
Profit on working account 31,489.59
Profit on exchange 277.50
Allowance from general managers 1,000.00

\$207,707.79

THE VICEROY OF CANTON ON CHINESE CONSULATES.

The following interesting memorial to the Throne from His Excellency the Viceroy of the Liang Kuang, advocating the establishment of Consulates abroad for the protection of Chinese subjects, is translated from the *Shik-Pao*—

Chang Chih Tung, Governor-General of the Two Kuangs, submits a memorial giving the results of the investigations into the condition of the Chinese in the British, Spanish, and Dutch colonies, and recommending a proposal for the establishment of a Consulate-General at Manila, with a view of affording protection to Chinese subjects; also submitting certain plans for raising the funds to carry out the proposed undertaking.

In March, 1886, the memorialist, together with Minister Chang Yin Yuan, submitted a memorial with reference to a plan to raise funds at the different foreign ports where Chinese are congregated, for the purpose of constructing ships to protect our subjects abroad. The memorialist also recommended the appointment of Colonel Wang Jung-ho and Expectant Prefect Yih Chin Hsien as a commission to visit the various islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, to make careful investigations into the question of establishing Chinese Consulates, and raising funds for war-ship construction. This memorial was referred by Imperial Rescript to the Tsung-li Yamen, who thereupon telegraphed the Chinese Minister appointed to the Courts of England, Spain, and Holland, directing him to inform the respective Foreign Offices of these countries of the Chinese Government's proposal to send an investigation commission.

In August, 1886, this commission left Canton, and visited the different ports along their way, sending back reports and observations from time to time. After about a year's absence they returned to Canton in September, 1887, when the memorialist carefully gleaned from them the following information regarding the expediency of establishing Chinese Consulates in the various ports visited.

The Commissioners visited altogether over twenty ports. They first went to Manila, which is a Spanish possession. They next visited Singapore, Malacca, Penang, and Yang Kiang (Rangoon), all British possessions. They then proceeded to Jih-li, San Iao-ling, and Sidi-mi (i.e.) all Dutch Colonies. After that, they went to Australia, where they visited Port Darwin, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Queensland, and the cities in their vicinity.

At Manila the Chinese community complained bitterly of the wrongs they received at the hands of the Spaniards. They earnestly entreated for the appointment of Consuls to protect them, volunteering to defray the expenses of such an undertaking. The Chinese there number over 50,000, and are carrying on a most thriving business notwithstanding the great wrongs inflicted on them. Some of them are brutally murdered out of personal hatred or jealousy; others have their dwellings burned and plundered. In all of these cases, the civil and military authorities sent to investigate the affair evince the most flagrant partiality, and connive at the guilt of the criminals. In addition to these wrongs, the most extortionate taxes are levied on them, in direct violation of treaty stipulations. Their wrongs becoming at last unbearable, the Chinese were about to address a petition to the Government of Spain, setting

forth their grievances and praying for redress. Thereupon the Spaniards united to expel them from the island, and only desisted from carrying out the attempt upon the arrival of the investigating commission. Under this state of things the establishment of a Consulate-General at Manila is imperative. Additional Consulates or Consular Agencies may be established in other parts of the island, as the Consul-General may deem expedient or necessary.

Upon their arrival at Singapore, the Commission went, together with Chinese Consul Tsao Ping-lung, to call upon the Governor, from whom they received every civility. The Chinese population in this island numbers 150,000 men, and they are the richest among the merchants. Aside from the government buildings and premises, four-fifths of all real estates are owned by the Chinese, the remaining fifth being owned by Europeans. Every year large numbers of Chinese labourers arrive at or leave the island, and a Registrar-General was appointed to oversee their movements. The files of the Registrar-General, however, are not made known to the Chinese Consul, and no joint supervision over Chinese emigration is exercised. In consequence, many deceptions and irregularities are practised by the labour companies, and the Chinese Consul is powerless to prevent them. What is desirable is that the Chinese Consul be allowed the privilege of investigation, and to use his power for the prevention of irregularities.

At Malacca and Penang, which are near to Singapore, there are large numbers of Chinese pursuing a thriving business. At Perak and Selangor the Chinese labourers, who are principally employed in tin mining, and who number over 100,000 men, are quite well protected. Several of the Chinese here have amassed fortunes of millions, and they still retain the customs of their native country. At Penang, where the Chinese are a most enterprising body of men, it is desirable to appoint a Vice-Consul, who will act in concert with the Consul at Singapore. At Yang Kiang (Rangoon), in British Burmah there are over 40,000 Chinese, who have established among themselves a Ning-yang Guild, and many business companies. Rice is the principal natural product here, cow-hides, and (precious) stones being next in importance. A Consulate should be established here, for the maintenance of commercial relations and for the regulation of frontier matters.

The memorialist in reply received a despatch from Minister Chang Yin Yuan, in which he stated that he had communicated the matter to the foreign office of the Spanish Government, and they had assented to our proposed undertaking. But their Colonial office objected to the Chinese Consular representatives to protect our people in their various possessions. They advised our commissioners to have this measure carried out with promptitude in order that unfair treatment of our people may be prevented. The Spanish and Dutch authorities likewise could not refuse our request to have our consular representatives appointed to their colonies.

Manila, being nearest to China, and our people there being in greater need of protection than elsewhere, a Consul-General should be appointed there as the first step. The memorialist has consulted by telegraph with Minister Chang Yin Yuan, regarding the appointment of Wang Jung-ho as the Chinese Consul-General at Manila. This officer is selected because he is a native of Fukien, and as the majority of the Chinese in Manila are Fukien men he will be able to command their respect and confidence, besides, he is a man of tried experience, and well versed in foreign affairs. He, as one of the investigating commission, had proceeded to Manila, and studied clearly the condition and needs of the Chinese there.

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Chinese are found. And in San Pao-lu-fu, Siau-lai, Mai Li-kin, Si Li-mi, etc., which are all Dutch possessions, over 200,000 Chinese are congregated. These are most outrageously treated by the Dutch authorities, and when the commission visited them, they all with one impulse poured forth their wrongs. If our Government is to protect these people, the place should be regarded as second in importance to Manila alone, and a Consul-General should be appointed. He should charge also of the Chinese in San Pao-lu-fu and the adjacent places. And if Consuls and Vice-Consuls need be further appointed, the Consul-General can recommend the necessary appointments, just as in the case of Manila.

In the cities of Po-Ko-wei and Win-Ting-wei, which are in the vicinity of Batavia, many Chinese are found. And in San Pao-lu-fu, Siau-lai, Mai Li-kin, Si Li-mi, etc., which are all Dutch possessions, over 200,000 Chinese are congregated. These are most outrageously treated by the Dutch authorities, and when the commission visited them, they all with one impulse poured forth their wrongs. If our Government is to protect these people, the place should be regarded as second in importance to Manila alone, and a Consul-General should be appointed. He should charge also of the Chinese in San Pao-lu-fu and the adjacent places. And if Consuls and Vice-Consuls need be further appointed, the Consul-General can recommend the necessary appointments, just as in the case of Manila.

A literary college should also be established in Manila, and all the necessary books and classics be provided for the same, the funds for such an institution to be subscribed by the merchants. The Consul-General should be the President of the College, and he should select a corps of competent professors, who will instruct our young men in the doctrines of our national life, the ethics of China, the principles of the five relations, etc.

The memorialist estimates that the fees to be

annually derived from registration, the issue of

invitations, etc., will amount to a considerable sum, which, besides defraying all the expenses of the Consulate, will leave a surplus balance. But should the fees prove inadequate to meet expenses, the memorialist will raise the deficit by subscription among the merchants, upon whom official titles will be bestowed.

All the foregoing facts and propositions the

memorialist, besides communicating to the

Tsung-li Yamen, and the Minister of the Northern

Sea-board, beg to reverently submit to the

consideration of Her Majesty the Empress and His Majesty the Emperor.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, A.C. 8.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR ANNUAL SUPPLY

of

LAWN GRASS. S E E D

and

SWEET CORN,

for immediate sowing.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 2nd March 1888.

OBITUARY.

Captain CECILIUS, late Commander of H.I.G. M's S. *Wolfe*, at the Berlin Founding House, on the 16th March.

The funeral will take place to-morrow after-noon and the cortège can be joined at the Clock Tower at about 4.30 P.M.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, March 14th.

It is announced that the Czarewitch will visit Berlin shortly.

The official Russian organ, the *Messenger*, regards the contemplated visit as a pledge of close friendship between the two countries.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Report of the Manila Steamship Company, Limited, will be found in another column.

THE steamer *Restitution*, which got aground the other day when leaving Yokohama for Kobe, was safely floated off and has arrived at the latter port.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the "Ben" Line steamer *Prudentia*, from Leith and London, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

WE are requested to state that the Rev. J. Wangemann, of the German cruiser *Sophie*, will preach the sermon at the service in the German Chapel on Sunday morning next at 10.30 o'clock.

It is stated that on the 1st of last January there were in Hyogo Ken 1,953 Shinto temples and shrines, and 2,965 Buddhist temples. There were 435 Shinto and 2,370 Buddhist priests and 18 nuns.

GOVERNOR SIR W. DES VŒUX will probably arrive here on the 21st inst., having taken passage from Singapore for himself and party in the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Preussen*, which is expected on that date.

The New York leading shipping paper says that a conference of maritime nations to consider rules to secure safer navigation of the ocean is very much needed, and hopes that the National Government will propose to other nations that such a conference be held within as short a time as possible.

We publish in another column the full programme of the entertainment to be given at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-morrow night by Hamilton's Comedy Company. With a sparkling comedietta, musical olio, and a standard comic drama, there is sufficient variety to suit all tastes and to attract a large audience. Judging from their past reputations, the Company's opening performance should prove a highly successful one.

This morning at the Police Court a coolie was charged by Alfred Nichols, a private of the 58th Regiment, with taking expended leaden bullets from the military shooting range at Kowloon on the 15th inst. Complainant said the shooting practice had only just been terminated and it was important that no stragglers should be permitted to trespass on the grounds. Defendant's excuse was that he did not pass the guard. Mr. Wodehouse fined him five dollars, but the accused preferred 14 days in gaol.

WE read that some time ago the Viceroy at Foochow procured sanction to repair and restore to its former condition a lake to the west of Foochow, which is supposed to have an influence on the health of the city. A survey was made and the cost of the undertaking was estimated at Tls. 30,000. The costs, however, which were made upon the provincial revenue for the repair of the breach of the Yellow River have quite depleted the Treasury, and it is now proposed to postpone the work until funds can be procured for the purpose.

A KOREAN native paper, the *Yushin Nippon*, reports that two American ladies have been delivering lectures at the Church in Kitangasadori upon the improvement of female morality, and the importance of temperance. Only women were allowed to be present, and the speeches were interpreted by girls. About 200 were in attendance. We think that the American ladies would be very much better employed lecturing on female morality and temperance in their own country. There is plenty room for improvement in these matters in the United States.

We are informed that the address to Capt. R. G. Thomsett, R. N. will be presented at the Concert room of the City Hall on Monday next the 19th inst. at 5 p.m.

It is rumoured that Mr. Shido, Japanese Minister to Peking, has reported to his Government that negotiations have been resumed for a revision of the existing treaty between China and Japan.

MR. WODEHOUSE fined a boatman, at the Police Court this morning, ten dollars for unlawfully boarding the steamer *Euphrates* without the permission of the master, on the 15th inst. A policeman said he found the trespasser in the hold while the steamer was still under weigh, and before she had found a buoy, on her arrival from Singapore.

MESSRS. MELCHERS & CO. inform us that the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Preussen*, Capt. C. Pohle, with the German mails from Berlin up to the 21st ult., left Singapore for this port at 8 o'clock this morning, and is due here on or about the 21st inst. His Excellency the Governor and Lady des Vœux are passengers by the *Preussen*.

By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and the officers of the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment the Regimental Band will play in the Public Gardens, on Sunday, the 18th inst., from 3.30 till 5 p.m. The following will be the programme:—

March..... "Baladava"..... Seaman.
Overture..... "Zampa"..... Herald.
Selection..... "Dolly"..... Cellist.
Mazurka..... "Pompey"..... Violinist.
Selection..... "Standchen"..... Schubert.

JOHN MORAN, Bassoon.

TOBACCO blindness, it is said, is becoming a common affliction. At present there are several persons under treatment for it at one London hospital. It first takes the form of color-blindness, the sufferers, who have smoked themselves into this condition, being quite unable to distinguish the color of a piece of red cloth held up before them. Sometimes the victim loses his eyesight altogether. Tobacco being a narcotic, naturally benumbs the nerves. When the nerves are thus benumbed people do not see as distinctly, and this defectiveness of vision tends to increase and become permanent.

WE are informed that, after deducting unavoidable expenses from the proceeds of the third performance of 'The Sorcerer' given by the Members of the Choral Society on the 15th ult., a sum remained to be devoted to charitable local institutions (\$42), which the Committee have made up to \$450, and this has been distributed as follows:—

To the Alice Memorial Hospital..... \$200
To the Very Rev. G. Burghignoli for St. Saviour's institution..... 50
To the Baxter Girls' School..... 50
To the Basil Mission..... 50
To Mr. Wodehouse for the Magistracy Poor Box..... 50
To the widow and family of Foreman Brown, lately drowned in this harbour..... 50

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A TELEGRAM in an American contemporary, dated London, February 10th, says:—Mr. T. P. O'Connor is getting soundly scolded for informing the public in his paper that the Prince of Wales chattered like a magpie at Mrs. Bernard Beere's performance, and was hissed by the audience.

The claim is that the Prince intended nothing disrespectful to the actress, for whom he has a warm affection. The only other paper which mentioned the circumstance is the *Pal Mall Gazette*, which says to-night:—"The reception accorded to the play was in the main satisfactory, and the audience, with one notable exception, in the case of a distinguished visitor in a box, listened attentively throughout to the somewhat long and wearying performance." Dr. Seaman of New York, who was in the audience, says he cordially joined in the hissing. He was present at the memorable scene at the Metropolitan Opera-house, he says, and the disturbance last night was more demonstrative than the one on that occasion. Another gentleman present, an Englishman, said that one of the most dramatic situations in the play was spoiled by the royal rudeness.

TOBACCO blindness, it is said, is becoming a common affliction. At present there are several persons under treatment for it at one London hospital. It first takes the form of color-blindness, the sufferers, who have smoked themselves into this condition, being quite unable to distinguish the color of a piece of red cloth held up before them. Sometimes the victim loses his eyesight altogether. Tobacco being a narcotic, naturally benumbs the nerves. When the nerves are thus benumbed people do not see as distinctly, and this defectiveness of vision tends to increase and become permanent.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Acting Chief Justice Russell and a Special Jury.)

U-TZ-WAN v. GARRELS AND ANOTHER, \$50,000.

The further hearing of this suit was resumed at 10 a.m. to-day when the following evidence was taken:—

Chung-Chan, a tea dealer, deposed as to his having made arrangements with the plaintiff to buy tea in the Ho-khan district and have it sent to him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ackroyd he said the tea in his shop because he was confused. U-Tz-Wan said that 16,800 taels was the value of the ginseng and the medicine burnt. Mr. Garrels said something about the tea; he said it was wrong of U-Tz-Wan not to have mentioned it before. Was not sure whether U-Tz-Wan said that it would be absurd if the Company did not pay the whole value of the goods destroyed. U-Tz-Wan insisted on asserting that his claim did not include the value of the tea lost. U-Tz-Wan put in his claim for 16,800, and then to put in another claim for the tea alleged to have been lost. U-Tz-Wan replied that the tea was an extra claim. Mr. Garrels' comrade said that he had seen some small boxes of tea in the sitting-room of the shop, and that he thought they were samples.

Re-examined by Mr. Robinson—Witness did not know the name of Mr. Garrels' comrade.

Mr. Garrels seemed to expect an account of the whole loss sustained by the plaintiff; U-Tz-Wan did not stand in an account, but gave a verbal estimate of his losses.

Re-examined by Mr. O'Malley—Witness did not stand in an account; he was a contractor—the witness-box being now shifted to the jury side; the evidence was almost inaudible at the reporter's desk; the following could, however, be made out:—On the second or third day after the fire, U-Tz-Wan called on witness and asked him to accompany him to Messrs. Pustau & Co.'s office. Did not note in his book the name of Pustau's comrade.

Re-examined by Mr. O'Malley—Witness had been at Soy-hau several times; his various consignments of tea would reach Soy-hau from his district, and be shipped for Hongkong by instalments. He had not noted in his book the varieties of tea he used to consign.

By his lordship—The tea was generally sent to Soy-hau in bags; it was shipped in bags to Hongkong where it was packed into boxes lined with lead. Witness came to Hongkong last year; was here at the time of the fire at the Man-Yuen-Tong; arrived here on the 23rd of March; was in the shop, sitting with the master, when the fire took place; had meals there on that day between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. When the fire took place, the master of the shop was not upstairs. Witness's luggage was upstairs and was lost. The last parcel of the tea consigned by him was in the shop before the fire occurred. When the alarm of fire was given the master called out "fire" and there was a general rush.

Tong-chi-sai—said he was interpreter to Messrs. Caldwell and Wilkinson; remembered the fire, went to the shop, and saw the manager, Mr. Reuter, who told him to go to the office of April 1st; on the same day had called at Messrs. Pustau & Co.'s. Plaintiff and Ki-woh accompanied him. They saw the office boy at Meyer's, and were introduced to the manager; the office boy went to witness. Mr. Reuter wanted to know how it occurred, U-Tz-Wan said he did not know. Mr. Reuter wanted to see the accounts; U-Tz-Wan said he had them at his new residence. Witness came to Hongkong again on the same day. On calling

The Hongkong Telegraph.

N° 1880.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1888.

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J. M. ARMSTRONG,
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Hongkong, 15th March, 1888. [303]

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